

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a communication control entity in a communication control part of a mobile communication network that comprises ~~said~~ a communication control part and an access part, said communication control entity acting as a primary communication entity for a call communication and belonging to a pool of communication control entities among which no handover procedure is conducted as long as a mobile communication device moves among service realms associated with a predetermined number of access control entities that are connected to said pool, said method comprising the steps:

receiving a handover request for removing a first secondary communication control entity from a control process for controlling said call communication and adding a second secondary communication control entity,

determining whether said second secondary communication control entity belongs to said pool, and if said second secondary communication control entity belongs to said pool, rejecting said second secondary communication control entity to said control procedure and instead communicating directly by said communication control entity with the mobile communication device of which said given call communication is being controlled via an access control entity connected to said primary communication control entity without utilizing any secondary communication control entity as a relay.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said primary communication control entity determines whether said second secondary communication control entity belongs to said pool by determining an identifier of said second secondary communication control entity from said handover request and

comparing said identifier with a list of identifiers of communication control entities belonging to said pool.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said primary communication control entity determines whether said second secondary communication control entity belongs to said pool by determining an identifier of an access control entity connected to said second secondary communication control entity from said handover request and comparing said identifier with a list of identifiers of access control entities belonging to said predetermined number of access control entities.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A communication control entity for a communication control part of a mobile communication network that comprises said a communication control part and an access part, said communication control entity belonging to a pool of communication control entities among which no handover procedure is conducted as long as a mobile communication device moves among service realms associated with a predetermined number of access control entities that are connected to said pool, and being arranged to act as a primary communication entity for a given call communication, wherein said communication control entity comprises

a processor, which, when said communication control entity is acting as a primary communication control entity and when a handover request for removing a first secondary communication control entity from the control process and adding a second secondary communication control entity is received, the processor is arranged to determine whether said second secondary communication control entity belongs to said pool, and if said second secondary communication control entity belongs to said pool, controlling said communication control entity to directly communicate by said communication control entity with the mobile communication device of which said given

call communication is being controlled via an access control entity connected to said communication control entity without utilizing any secondary communication control entity as a relay.

6. (New) A system for controlling a communication control entity in a mobile communication network, the system comprising:

a communication control part having a pool of communication control entities;

a mobile communication device moving among service realms associated with a predetermined number of access control entities that connect to the pool;

a primary communication control entity of the pool of communication control entities that controls a call by the mobile communication device in the mobile communication network;

wherein the primary communication control entity, upon receiving a handover request for removing a first secondary communication control entity from a control process of the call and adding a second secondary communication control entity, having:

means for determining whether the second secondary communication entity belongs to the pool; and

upon determining that the second secondary communication control entity belongs to the pool, means for communicating directly by the primary communication control entity with the mobile communication device via an access control entity connected to the communication control entity without utilizing any secondary communication control entity as a relay.